

## **MATTHEWS, FRED W.**

### IN MEMORIAM

The School of Information Management, Dalhousie University, is sad to report the death of Professor Fred W. Matthews, a faculty member at the School from 1972 to 1984. Aged 91 he had been in declining health for the past several years and died peacefully at home in Halifax in the presence of his wife, Phyllis and his daughter Gretchen Churchville (Dal MLIS, 1983). He is also survived by three sons, Frederick (Toronto), David (Calgary) and Douglas (Dalhousie, NB).

Dr Matthews was born in Carbonear, NL, and took his honours degree in Chemistry at Mount Allison and his PhD in Physical Chemistry at McGill. His early professional career was as a research chemist before becoming Information Services Manager for CIL (Canadian Industries Limited), Montreal, 1961-69. In 1969 he became Manager of the Central Technical Information Unit of ICI (Imperial Chemical Industries) Limited in London, England, ICI retained him as a Consultant after he joined Dalhousie in 1972.

In addition to his teaching in the School Dr Matthews served on many national and international committees. These included President of the Canadian Association for Information Science, member of the National Research Council's Advisory Board on Scientific and Technological Information, and as a Visiting Professor at the Department of Library Studies at the University of the West Indies in Mona, Jamaica for which he also served as an External Examiner. He was also active in developing machine indexing projects for the Halifax School Board and the Dartmouth Regional Library and chaired the Library Committee at St. Andrew's Church, Halifax. As a skilled carpenter Dr Matthews worked with the late Professor Robert McGregor Dawson of Dal's English Department in building for the Dawson Print Shop a replica of a wooden printing press based on plans of a 17th century press obtained from the Plantin-Moretus Museum in Antwerp. He was also heavily involved in the restoration of water-damaged books and records after the Brunswick Street United Church fire in 1979 and the later fire at Dalhousie's Law Library. Dr Matthews was honoured by his colleagues, students, alumni and area librarians at a reception on May 10, 1984 when he formally retired from Dalhousie although he continued his teaching and involvement with the Dawson Print Shop.

A memorial service will be held at Snow's Funeral Home, 2666 Windsor Street in Halifax on Friday, March 9 at 11 a.m.